

have had as soldiers in the Army of the United States, and to keep alive this "proud consciousness of a new Americanism born of sacrifice".

2. I would request that you convey to your command my appreciation of the part they have taken in our great victory, and my thanks for their heroic devotion to duty; and that I share with them their sorrow for fallen comrades, and their pride in the high achievements of the men of this Corps.

G. W. READ,

Major General,
Commanding II Corps.

November 16th, 1918.

Commanding General, II American Corps

Now that the II American Corps is leaving the British zone, I wish once more to thank you and all officers, non-commissioned officers and men under your command, on behalf both of myself and all ranks of the British Armies, in France and Flanders, for the very gallant and efficient service you have rendered during the period of your operations with the Fourth British Army.

On the 29th September, you took part with distinction in the great and critical attack which shattered the enemy's resistance in the **Hindenburg** Line and opened the road to final victory. The deeds of the 27th and 30th American Divisions who on that day took **Bellicourt** and **Nauroy** and so gallantly sustained the desperate struggle for **Bony**, will rank with the highest achievements of this war. They will always be remembered by the British Regiments that fought beside you.

Since that date, through three weeks of almost continuous fighting, you advanced from one success to another, overcoming all resistance, beating off numerous counter-attacks, and capturing several